end of 1995-96 (provisional) through different sources of irrigation are as follows:

(In thousand hectare)

	Sources	Potential created
1.	Surface Water	
	(i) Major & Medium irrigation projects	1674.05
	(ii) Minor irrigation schemes	752.20
2.	Ground Water	773.36
3.	Total	3199.61

(c) As per latest available data the total drought-prone area in Karnataka benefitted from Major & Medium irrigation projects is 1019.93 thousand hectares (Provisional) at the end of the fourth year of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(d) The Ninth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

IV Fluid Purchase: Former Addl. D.G. Chargesheeted

1385. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the 'news-item' captioned "IV fluid purchase: Former Addl. D.G. chargesheeted" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated January 8, 1997; and

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, sir.

(b) the matter pertains to the year 1990-1993 when DR. P.C. Rai was the Medical Superintendent of Safdarjang Hospital. Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against Dr. P.C. Rai for violating Government directives about procurement of IV fluids. Action is being taken as per the provisions of CCS (CCA) Rules and CCS (Pension) Rules.

Water Dispute amongst Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan

1386. SHRI PARAS RAM MEGHWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any directions to the Government of Punjab regarding handing over the control of head works of Ropar, Harika and Ferozepur to Bhakra Beas Management Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to call another meeting of Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan to resolve the outstanding water disputes amongst these States;

(d) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) other steps being taken to resolve the water dispute amongst the three States?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Bhakra Beas Management Board and Ministry of Power had requested Punjab to transfer the head works of Ropar, Harike and Ferozepur to Bhakra Beas Management Board. However Punjab has not agreed to transfer the control of head works so far. According to Bhakra Beas Management Board, the share of party states in Surplus Ravi Beas Waters and Sutlej Waters is made available through various contact/control points in Punjab and Haryana and transferring the control of head works alone will not serve the purpose. The best arrangement according to Bhakra Beas Management Board would be that all the partner States honour the distribution made by the Technical Committee of Bhakra Beas Management Board in which all the concerned States are represented and deliver the correct supplies at various control points.

(c) and (d) Inter-State Waters related issues between the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan were discussed between the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan in the meetings convened by Minister (WR&PA) in July & August, 1992. Some broad decisions were taken on various inter-state water related issues. Regarding sharing of Ravi-Beas waters, it was decided that it shall continue to be governed by the provisions of 1981 agreement. As per suggestions of the Chief Ministers a draft agreement was formulated by Ministry of Water Resources to which the decisions were to be annexed. Further Meetings at Chief Ministers level to discuss and finalise the draft agreement could not be held. The Ministry of Water Resources is making all efforts to resolve issues amicably by arranging further inter-State Meetings.

(e) The Inter-State dispute regarding surplus Ravi-Beas Waters was referred to a Tribunal constituted by the Central Government under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956. The tribunal gave an interim report on 30.1.87 on which States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan and the Central Government had sought explanation and guidance on certain points from the Tribunal. Meanwhile, one of the Members of the Tribunal resigned and the vacancy could not be filled up due to one reason or the other. This vacancy has now been filled up on 18.11.1996 and the Tribunal has been revived.

[Translation]

By-Pass on.N.H. No. 7 in M.P

1387. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a by-pass on the 'National Highway' No.7 near Mahu-Siwani in Madhya Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the present position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Pak Occupied Kashmir

1388. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pak occupied Kashmir includes Gilgit which has been ceded by Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of the Government on Gilgit issue?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c) Pakistan is in illegal occupation of a part of the State of Jammu & Kashmir including, *inter-alia*, Gilgit. The Indian territory in Pakistan occupied Kashmir, ceded illegally by Pakistan to China under the so-called Sino-Pak 'boundary agreement' of 1963, includes a portion of Hunza territory of the erstwhile Gilgit Agency of the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

The entire State of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. Government are committed to the resolution of all issues between India and Pakistan peacefully through bilateral dialogue under the Simla Agreement.

[Translation]

Literacy Rate of SC/ST

1389. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of literacy at the time of independence in the country and the percentage of literacy of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes therein separately;

(b) the total percentage of national literacy till 1996 and the percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes therein separately; and

(c) the schemes to be implemented for increasing literacy percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The total percentage of literacy in the country at the time of independence is not available with the Census.

(b) The total percentage of national literacy till 1996 is not available. However, as per the latest Census conducted in 1991 the literacy rate in India is 52.21% and that of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are 37.41% and 29.60% respectively.

(c) No separate scheme is being implemented for increasing, literacy percentage exclusively of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Total Literacy Campaigns which is the principal strategy of the National Literacy Mission aims at eradication of illiteracy of the entire targetted non-literate population of the country irrespective of caste or creed of the learners, is proposed to be continued during the Ninth Five Year Plan. As per the reports received, out of the total clientele group under the literacy campaigns being implemented throughout the country, 22% of the beneficiaries belong to Scheduled Castes and 12% belong to Scheduled Tribes.

[English]

Evaluation of Answer Sheets at Law Centre of Delhi

1390. SHRI CHUN CHUN PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report appearing in 'Pioneer' dated January 15, 1997 regarding evaluation of answer sheets by teachers in front of the students at the Law Centre of Delhi University in Utter violation of the norms; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A factual report on the allegations made in the news-item has been called for from the University and any further action in the matter would be possible after the same is received.

Preservation of Ranipur-Jharial

1391. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to preserve Ranipur-Jharial area of Bolangir due to its historical significance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) and (b) The Centrally protected monuments in the Ranipur-Jharial area of Bolangir are maintained in a good state of preservation and conservation by the Archaeological Survey of India.

(c) Does not arise.